

Bishop's Auckland
Report for 1918 —

To the members of the Council.

The total number of deaths in the Urban District during 1918 was 271, 119 of these occurred in Public Institutions:— The Workhouse, Isolation Hospital, S. Monicas Home, and the Lady Ellen Hospital. Of the 119 there were 38 which belonged to the Urban District. The remaining 81 were patients from districts out side. The Real Deaths for the District therefore number 190, and the Death Rate is 15'7. In the district including the deaths of out sides it is 22-4 —

The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 35. including those in the Institutions mentioned, and the Infant-Mortality rate per 1000 Births is 124. The previous year was 116 —

There were 281. Births. In the previous year there were 249. Of these Births 18 were illegitimate. The Birth Rate is 20'7. an increase on 1917 when it was 18 —

The chief mortality during the year was from Influenza, Fifty seven deaths were directly attributable to this disease but 15 of these were not those of residents in the Town —

They chiefly occurred in November & December the epidemic in the Town though extensive was not fatal — There was great difficulty in procuring food, fuel, and stimulants for the sick. In many houses every minute was being spent and entirely dependent on the kindness of neighbours for the necessities of life.

In our house where the people were absolutely helpless they were only looked after by a boy of 12, and his wife, Frieda, cooked the food, changed the loaves, and the patients, bought the provisions, gave the medicine, and saw all his patients recover. Most valuable help was given by W. Ernest Hills, Health Visitor, by the Nurses at the Isolation Hospital and by

Several ladies in the town who had a knowledge
of nursing.

Other causes of death were Typhoid 2, Stomach C. 8,
Typhoid 20, Cancer 12, H. D. 18, Bronch 20
Pneumonia 24. Congenital Dec 12.

There were no deaths from Smallpox, Measles,
Scarlet Fever, Diph., or Diphtheria, and
only 2 from Infantile Paralysis.

Of the 35 deaths of children under 1 year of age
8 were from Pneumonia, 5 from Stomach C. and
5 from Bronch, the deaths from Typhoid dis-
ease - Typhoid 2, Stomach C. 8 Paralysis 2.

The total of Infant. diseases were Sept 13
Scarlet F. 5, Typhoid 12 Erysip 4, Measles 15,
of the 13 from 2, Typhoid 49, 5 of the Typhoid
one from 1 house, the removed to I. H. and
ultimately proved not to be Typhoid -
17 Cases were treated in the I. H.

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Yours obt.

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